

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
BEFORE THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

**IN THE MATTER OF HEARING DETERMINATION  
REQUEST FOR THE WASTE ISOLATION PILOT  
PLANT (WIPP) DISCHARGE PERMIT RENEWAL  
AND MODIFICATION APPLICATION FOR DP-831  
GROUND WATER QUALITY BUREAU,  
PETITIONERS.**

**Docket No. GWQB 21-19**

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**PERMITTEE COMMENTS ON THE HEARING OFFICER'S REPORT**

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The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) ("Permittee") submits for filing these comments on the Hearing Officer's Report in this matter.

The Permittee supports the concluding recommendation of the Hearing Officer's Report and Order filed in the above-entitled matter with the Secretary of the New Mexico Environment Department ("NMED") on November 19, 2021. The Permittee has identified no issues or concerns in the Hearing Officer's Report or Order on which to comment. Accordingly, the Permittee respectfully requests the Secretary of NMED adopt the Hearing Officer's report, as filed, and issue a final order approving the issuance of the Draft Permit.

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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